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Art Unit: 1613

Examiner: STOCKTON,L

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For: PREPARATION OF  $\gamma$ -ALKOXYNITRILES

**Sir:**

## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

U.S.C. 1.116.

The examiner is requested to favorably reconsider the rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph in view of the foregoing amendments. The title has been changed to "PREPARATION OF  $\gamma$ -ALKOXYNITRILES" rather than "PREPARATION OF  $\beta$ -ALKOXYNITRILES". Claims 2 to 5 depend from independent claim 6. It is now clear that the substituents R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> are descriptive of the diazabicycloalkene nucleus.

The examiner is requested to favorably reconsider the rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. It's unfortunate that the prosecution of the parent application was focused on a process

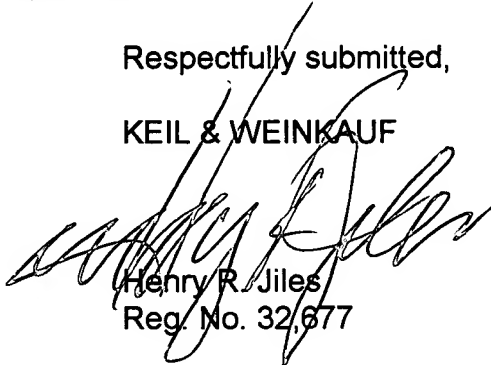
for preparing beta-alkoxynitriles and was therefore misplaced. Original claim 6 was directed to a process for preparing  $\gamma$ -alkoxynitriles and is now the base claim upon which the remaining claims are dependent. The examiner's rejection which relies upon prior art which relates to the preparation of  $\beta$ -alkoxynitriles is inapt. Favorable reconsideration is solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully urge that the invention claimed herein is patentable and a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d).(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 235,242filed on 1/22/99, entitled PREPARATION OF B-ALKOXYNITRILES**NOTES**

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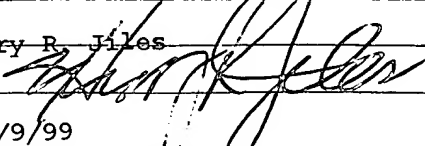
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